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For: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE SAME, AND OPTICAL DISK DEVICE

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English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto, and are relied upon for a statement of relevance for those references.

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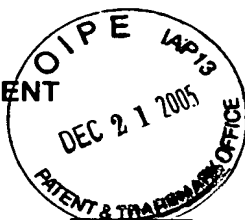
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